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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos. 9-12

Major ~~PART—B.~~ FOR July 1904

SUBJECT.

Cultivation of melons in the Tunga River bed

~~FILE No. 137 of 1902-03.~~

Cultivation of Melons in the Tunga River bed.

9 From Baday Sabi and others of Shimoga, Petition Registered No. 2279.
Request that they may be allowed to continue to cultivate melons in the Tunga River Bed, and state that the sanitation of the villages near will not be affected by it.

10 From the General and Revenue Secretary, No. 4215—L. F. 137-02, dated 5th May 1904.
Forwards the above petition to the President of the Shimoga Municipal Board, and asks for a categorical report on the statements made in the petition.

11 From the President of Municipalities, Shimoga District, No. 722—142, dated 15th June 1904.
Forwards copy of letter received from the Vice-President, Shimoga Municipality, on the subject, and states that it is not advisable to allow the cultivation of melons in the river bed.

12 From the General and Revenue Secretary, No. 751—L. B. 137-02, dated 29th July 1904, to the petitioner.
Rejects their petition, and states that Government Order No. 3523—L. F. 37-02, dated 16th March 1904, is final.

Enclosed in Karnataka Rpt

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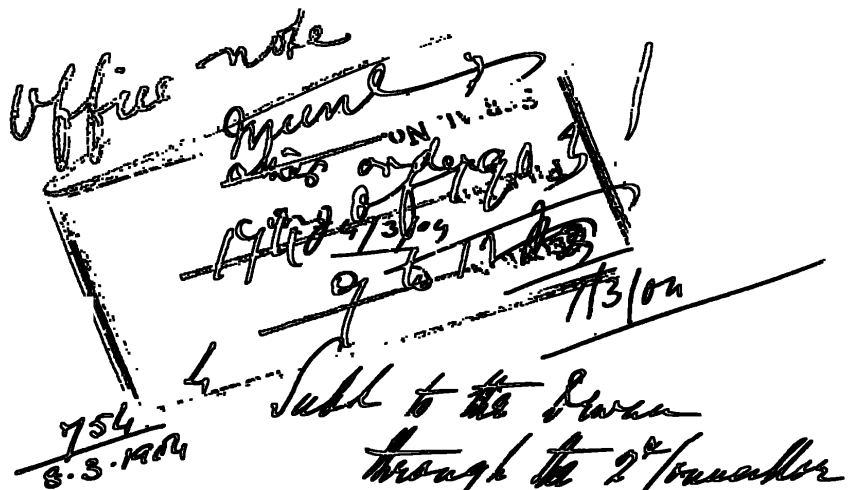

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8.3.1904

Submitted to the Secretary through the 2nd Commissioner 8/3/04

Approved
9-3-04.

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11.3.04

6 The Petitioners were accordingly informed by endorsement that the cultivation in the rivers-bed higher up the river near Segahatti where water is taken for drinking purposes was not permissible and was rightly prohibited by the President (vide Sub. No. 3523 of 13-7-02 March '04)

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7. With reference thereto, the Petitioners now represent that they have been cultivating melons in the rivers-bed higher up the Ganga river than the

As No. 2279 of 1st March '04 L2280

Both 70 years last the place where cultivation is proposed to be carried on lies between Marakere and Mandli in the Shimoga Taluk, and is beyond the boundaries of both those villages; and that the place mentioned in the Government order and situate lower down the river is held by the permanent cultivators and is not available for the. In such circumstances, they pray that they may be permitted to carry on cultivation higher up the river, which would not affect the sanitation of either of the villages proposed to

Sm 23/4/04 Shimoga for orders as to whether the Petitioners may be informed that ~~they should apply to the Deputy Commissioner~~ the orders already communicated to them in Endorsement No 3523 of the 16th March + file C are final. 17137-02

Submitted through the I/C D.C. 29/4/04

26/4/04 The prior question.

29/4/04

was disposed of under
the impression that the
Petitioners were agreeable
to the new Settlement
exit to them, for, the Dy
Coms reports "The Petitio
-tioners have no objection
to carry on cultivation
down the River on the
other side of the Bridge
where the other Ryots
cultivators grow melons
&c. &c. and that prohibi
-tion to cover the water
for drinking purposes as
ordered in Serg's Docket
No. 729 of the 14th Feby/87
But in the present Petition
the Petrs say that (1) the
Dt Coll granted out is
not available & unless
it is already cut in the
Nursery of other People
& Company to that loca
-lity (2) that the Police
Constable runs the Prohibi
-tion even the many
Dt Coll Quoted there
under the Order of 1887
& (3) that the Quantity
of melons does not
exceed 40 lbs for each
cart & they do not sell it
in Madras & at a dis
-tance from it.

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mike Circled Villages for
whose benefit the pro-
-hibition has been
ordered - The complaint
of remains to be
investigated Unless no
one declaring Consent
have been served al-
-ready we thought - Regarding
the - Magistrates - order
the orders already passed final,
is not a matter for
disposal of the matters
Please try to Prevent
correspondence, the
present petition may be
sent to the Physicians for
a certificate of the
the General Settlements
herein made -

30/4/04

30/4/04

The report called for
as per orders of the 1st Commissioner
has been received from the
President Please see letter
Dro 722 of the 15th June '04 with the President's report that
it is objectionable to allow the exclusion of Indians in the mines but adopts
Submitted for orders
on 20-6-04

24/6/04

Exhibit three (Petitioner for
Others, Pb
29.6.1904

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The Vice Presidents' report
goes into the question fully &
shows that melon cultivation
on the bed of the river at the
spot mentioned in the petition
is highly objectionable and
ought not to be permitted.
The petition may be rejected
as suggested by the Secy on
29/6/04.

30/6/04.

Submitted to. Exhibit
for Judicial order, Pb

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No. 2279

Name of Petitioner Kedar Lakman & others

Village Shimoga

Taluk

District

Date of Arzi 21/3/04

Date of Receipt 7/4/04

Date of Disposal

No. of Enclosure

To P. Shimoga

5/4/04

Encl to Local Board Branch

Petition dated 19/4/04 No. 9

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Records

Please furnish report order on similar petitions from residents Sugehatti & other parts. Vs. Irrigation regarding the cultivation & lands in the riverbed. Rcd 20/4

Note contd Rcd 23/4

ABSTRACT

With reference to Govt order No 3523 dd 16/3/04 (L.7.13)-02

State whether any cultivating lands in the river bed shifted up the Sunga since for the last 70 years; that the above place lies between Hanakere and Mundly on the Shimoga Tks & is beyond the boundaries of Shimoga; & that the Lambadies & others of these lands or Ryots will not be affected by any

for permission to conduct to cultivate melons on the place alluded to as the place lower down the river on the other side of Bentz's is held by the permanent cultivator of that place

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The President of the
Shimoga Town Munici-
pal Board

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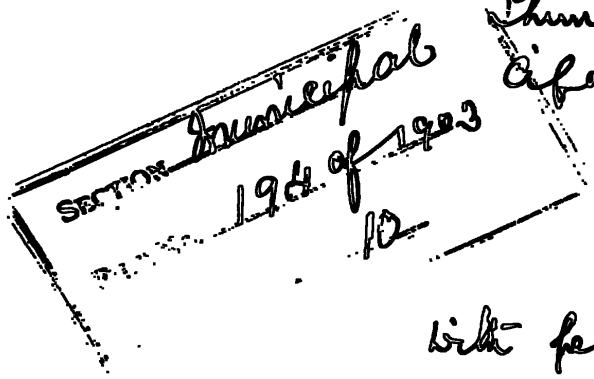

In forwarding here-
with petition Regd No 2279
dated the 21th March 1904
in regard to the cultivation
of melons in the river-bed
near Sigehatti in the
Town of Shimoga I have
the honour to draw the
President's attention to Cor
respondence ending with G.
No 3524 dated the 11th
March 02 and to request
that he will be good enough
to submit a categorical report on
the several statements made
in the petition

By order
for Offg Secy

Offg 2/5/04

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Enc as refd to D.C.

See E 4-5 ord

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1903-04

From
M. S. Narayana Rao Esq
President of the Municipality in the Shimoga

MYSORE GOVERNMENT
17 JUN. 1904
GENERAL & REVENUE SECRETARIAT

To
L. Anandh Esq
Offg. Secretary to the Govt
of Mysore. Genl & Rev Dept

Dated 15th June 1904

Despatched

Received

General No. 722
No. 142

Enclosure No. 2.

SECTION Judicial
194 of 1903
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With reference to Secretary
docket No 4215 dated
I.F. No. 137-02
5th May 1904, submitting
copy of letter received
from the Vice President
Shimoga Municipality,
re- the cultivation of melons near
Segehatti

No 722/142 Office of the President of the Municipalities in the Shimoga District

Enc No 2 Dated 15th June 1904

From
M. S. Narayana Rao Esqre
President of the municipalities
in the Shimoga District

To
L. Ananthaswamy Rao Esqre
Offg Secretary to the Govern-
-ment of Mysore.
General and Revenue Depts.

Sir

With reference to your docket No 4215 dated 5th May 1904, forwarding petition Regd No 2279 R dated 7th April 1904 L.F. 137.02 regarding the Cultivation of melons in the river bed near Segehatti requesting me to submit a Categorical report on the several allegations made therein

Thereon, I have the honor to —
Submit herewith Copy of letter
received from the Vice President
of the Shemoga Municipality
Submitting a detailed —
report on the several points
urged in the above.

2. I beg to add that nearly
the whole town of Shemoga
solely depends upon the river
water for drinking purposes.

3. It is therefore not advisa-
-ble from a Sanitary point of
view to permit the cultivation
of melons in the river bed
above the Town.

4. The enclosure received
with the above docket is here-
-with returned.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt Servant
[illegible]
For President of the Munici-
-pality, in the Shemoga Dist.

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No: 897
Gen: 1.

Office of the Vice-President
of the Shimoga Municipality,
Dated 8th June 1904

From

M. Hassan ali. Esqre.,
Vice-President,
Shimoga Town
Municipality.

To M. S. Narayan Rao, Esqre
President of the Municipali-
-ties in the Shimoga District

Sir,

With reference to your memo
no: 2500/239 dated the 11th May 1904
directing me to submit a detailed
report in re the cultivation of
melons in the Tunga River-bed
near Seegehatti, Shimoga Town, I
have the honour to state as follows:—

It was customary for a

Long

long time nearly 30 or 35 years to grow melons on the river bed by the side of the Town. As manure is very necessary for their cultivation and was freely used it was thought that it would affect the health of the Town and the adjoining Villages. Gradually the Officers here, began to prohibit their cultivation until recently when their growth was confined to two places, one on the other side of the Bridge and the other near Seegehalli Palya, Mandli and Harakere

2 I am given to understand that no Kandayam was being paid by the growers prior to the year 1884. About this time some sort of assessment was levied.

3 The place in question does not

not appear to be beyond the boundaries of Harakere and Nandli; for these villages stand on the bank of the river, and their boundaries on the river side should reach to the middle of the river.

4 The sanitation of these places and of the Town of Shimoga will, certainly, be affected by the cultivations of melons near Sagehalli or the villages mentioned above. Because these places are situated very near each other, within a distance of about 2 miles and the town-people and the villagers carry river-water for drinking purposes

5 It may be, that the then Deputy Commissioner permitted them to grow melons in the said place in the year 1887. The

appearance

appearance of the Plague has made not only the Government but also the people wiser in respect of Sanitation. Circumstances have changed and consequently changes in the manner of preserving the health of villages and Towns have become necessary.

6 It is said that some go beyond 3 miles on Trithalli side and others, on the other side of the Bridge in pursuit of their avocation. If there is no Space for the petitioners near the Bridge, they can go lower down the river. This involves a greater cost which will be paid eventually by the consumers.

7 The season of melon cultivation does not last longer than about 4 months in the year — February to May.

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This occupation alone cannot and does not Sustain a large number of families throughout the year. As a rule they are busy with other occupations for the greater part of the year.

8 The number of families maintained by this profession is not as great as is given in the petition About a dozen families appear to be interested in the matter.

9 When the Plague made its appearance, better attention was paid to Sanitation here as elsewhere. The Shimoga Town Municipal Board resolved in a meeting held on the 27th November 1897 to prohibit melon cultivation near the Town as laid down in Government Proceedings No. 1648-72 dated

dated 18th may 1886. Accordingly an order was issued strictly prohibiting the cultivation of melons in the river-bed, as the people take river-water for drinking purposes. The Agent of the Sringeri Matt has, it appears, given similar orders within the Jahgir jurisdiction on account of the prevalance of the Plague in the Inam villages mentioned above.

Under the circumstances I agree with the President of the Municipalities in the Shimoga District when he says that cultivation in the river-bed higher up the river near Seegehatti, whence water is taken for drinking purposes was not permissible and was rightly prohibited.

prohibited.

11 The enclosure received with the above is herewith returned.

I have the honour to be,
sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(sd) M. Hassan Ali
Vice-President
Shimoga Town
Municipality

"Copy"

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For President of the
Municipalities in the
Shimoga District

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8/4/04

To

Sir P. N. Krishnamoorti K.C.I.E.

Dewan of Mysore

Mysore Government
General and Revenue Secretariat
Petition Department
Reg'd No 227902
Date, 7-4-1904

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Most respected and honoured Sir,

With reference to Govt order No 3523 / £3137-02 dated 16th March 1904, informing us that the melon cultivation in the river bed higher up the Tunga river near Segahalli is prohibitted etc, we the undersigned most humbly and respectfully beg to bring the following few lines to your honour's kind and benign consideration.

1. The river bed higher up Segahalli is the very place where melon cultivation is being carried on for the last seventy years.

2. We are permanantly cultivating melons in the aforesaid place from the above period up to this year and we have been paying an annual assessment of Rs 22

3. The place in question lies between Harakere and Hundlay in the Shimoga Taluk which is beyond the boundaries of both the villages

4. Such being the place of cultivation from many ast. we hope the [redacted] of either of the

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those villages will not be in any way affected.

5. The Deputy commissioner of the Shimoga District has, in his Kannada No. 1206 dated 22nd Feb 1867, granted permission to cultivate melons in the above said place.

6 The place lower down the river on the other side of the bridge, where the Govt in the order alluded to above, permitted to cultivate melons, being held by the permanent cultivators of that place, we have no space left for cultivation.

7. We beg to represent that our livelihood entirely depends upon this cultivation

8. Nearly fifty families are being maintained by this profession

Under the above circumstances we request your honour to kindly grant us permission to continue to cultivate melons higher up the river near Segahalli as has been done for nearly Seventy years.

We beg to remain,
Most respected and honoured Sir
your most obedient and humbl
servants

Shimoga
21st March 68

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Endorsement

Rs 75-1
L.B. 137-02 29/1/04

Endorsement granted to Kaloji and other residents of Sagebathi and Clerkpeth in the Shimoga town & praying for a re-Consideration of the Govt orders prohibiting the cultivation of Arecanut in the reserved Lights on the rivers near Sagebathi

in reply to their petition Rec'd No. 2279 dated 24.3.04

Petitioners are informed that the orders already communicated to them by Endorsement No. 3523 dated the 11th March 1904 are final. Their present petition is accordingly rejected.

By order

[illegible]
for Secretary to Government

P.T.O. 27/3/04

No.

Memo No 732 / 29/7/04
LB 137-02

Copy forwarded to the President of the Shimoga Town Municipal Board, with reference to his letter no 722/142 dated the 16th June 1904

By order

27.7.1904

Off Secy

J.B. 27/7/04

Org 28/7/04

Typed by 29/7
Compared 29/7

J.C. Reddy
Sr. Asst.